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Obnoxious weed gets treatment

Story & photo by Lorraina Gentry

Last year the project to remove Eurasian Water Milfoil began. It is an exotic water plant, meaning that it is not native to these waters. Many people may not know the dangers of it. Although it is very rarely a physical threat to swimmers there has been cases of people drowning from it.

This particular vegetation is so productive that particles can break off and spread through out the waters. Thus eventually killing off the natural plant life and compromising the waters natural habitat making a blanket effect over the waters surface. Although it may appear to lay on the surface this plant can grow over 20 feet, the average at this point is about 6 feet in our area.

It is hard to decipher the native vegetation with this weed. In appearance it has little leaflets the Erosion Milfoil as approximately 12 leaflet pairs. When picked its stem is more limp and soft unlike the Northern Milfoil that is more dense and bristly. Northern Milfoil is a common species and although it is not certain if it is native to our waters, it is to many of the neighboring areas.

There are many different types of Milfoil, it is known to have fragments break off and join with another causing a high bread effect. This is the type that is currently found, it appears that there are two exotic species that have joined making the high bread plant that is currently infesting the water.

Unfortunately it is most commonly spread through various types of water sports, motors, boats, jet skies, etc. Its fragments will break off and attach to boats motors and then carried to another

body of water; this is how it spreads into foreign waters. If it is kept moist it can stay alive for weeks. Milfoil has such a high reproductive rate that if not treated it can take over a body of water in a short amount of time, even as little as a few years.

This year Lake Management is treating a larger area, 600 acres. By doing so, they are using an aquatic herbicide 2, 4-D. It was asked that water from these treated areas not be used for consumption and not be used for food crop irrigation. There were no limitations to swimming, fishing, live stock watering, and non- consumptive domestic use. Eric Gjevre with the Pesticide Program for the Tribe followed this project closely to insure that it was being handled and administered properly.

To take the extra precautions there were divers in the more populated areas that physically removed the weed instead of distributing the herbicide.

It is not an inexpensive fix, to apply this treatment; it is approximately \$525.00 per acre, which is relatively cheaper then other treatments that can cost up to \$2000.00 per acre. This project was funded by a state grant. Last year there was a legislature of four million dollars for state wide control. Fortunately Lake Management Project Manager Dave Lamb was able to utilize these funds.

"Since I had a back ground in water weed control, I was at the right place at the right time," states Dave Lamb.

Dave approached the council last year concerning the Milfoil issues in our lake. There was an educational approach to have the Council support this project. Before last year the Tribe has



Lake Management Project Manager, Dave Lamb, shows a strand of Eurasian Milfoil, a weed that grows on the beds of Lake Coeur d'Alene, and numerous other bodies of water in the area. The weed must be treated aggressively in order to minimize it's growth, which chokes out native plants and wildlife in the area and, in some extreme cases, can cause physical harm or death to humans who get caught in it.

never administered any herbicides to prevent this erosion. There was a definite need to continue this process and although there was a larger area treated there was still areas that are invasive.

There were two treatment boats

that road up and down the areas spreading the herbicide under the waters surface using granular spreaders. A third boat referred to as a nurse boat was also used to take the product out to the other boats. And there were multiple

people that worked together to apply this treatment. Continuing with the herbicides and using these precautionary measures, this will hopefully take control of the infestation before the Milfoil takes control of the lake.

Constructive dialog leads Tribal membership meeting

By Lorraina Gentry

First thing in the morning of September 8, 2007 the General Membership meeting was on its way. Chairman Chief Allan welcomed the membership and started off with opening songs from the Nomee Family.

Chairman Allan led with a simple introduction and encouraged

interaction throughout the meeting, welcoming questions and opinions. This time they were allowing questions after each presentation instead of designating a time at the end. With this brief introduction he then welcomed David LaSarte Meeks the Casino's CEO.

"Before I get started I would like to thank council and yourself to give me this opportunity to serve as a Tribal Member in this very important position," stated LaSarte Meeks.

A pamphlet and a slide show presentation was available to show the accounts of financial activity through out the years of operation. Multiple graphs were available that allowed a visual perception of the Net Income, Casino Revenue, and Casino to Tribe Transfers. This showed an impressive

increase in profit for the 2007 year. The graphs showed example of the fiscal activity not only yearly based but broken up into quarters as well. The CEO then stayed to answer questions.

After a brief break the meeting then picked back up with an Avista update from Administrative Director Robert Matt. Although negotiations have not been met yet, it will be soon; this has been an on going process for about 9 years. The Tribe has been working closely with Avista's representatives and Judge Candy to find some common grounds. Avista is currently trying to re-license a dam on land originally owned by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, their license expired in July 2007 and are operating on a temporary

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Tribe to begin dispatch/jail services with Kootenai County offices

Due to a discontinued contract with Benewah County, the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police will now be using dispatching services and the jail facilities through the Kootenai County Sheriff's office in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Beginning on October 15, 2007, services for dispatching calls and housing of prisoners will be maintained through the offices in Coeur d'Alene, with a slight increase in housing costs to the prisoner due to Kootenai County rates.

In lieu of recent non-named events, Benewah County has severed service contracts with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, including cross-deputization rights the Tribal Police. The department still retains its cross-deputization rights with the City of Plummer

and Kootenai County.

When it comes to juvenile or domestic issues, the Tribal police can still intervene when the people in question are non-tribal; although, in other issues, unless the person in question is a Tribal member, the police cannot get involved.

"If [a person] needs an officer to respond to their house," explained Tribal Police Chief Keith Hutcheson, "for a non-emergency call, you can dial 208-446-1855."

Although the police department is open 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday's, if someone wishes for officer assistance, they must call the number listed above for non-emergency situations. In the event

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~ RESOLUTIONS ~

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council Business Decisions

289 Modified Resolution No. 34 (82) and Coeur d'Alene Housing Authority Lease No. 7159 to release this homesite and approve a Homesite Lease for Leta Campbell (181-U000473) for 50 years
4 for 0 against 1 abstain.

290 UNAVAILABLE

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293 Approved Roberts Limited Partnership Road Use Agreement Tribal Allotments T311 & T291 permit shall be in

effect until December 31, 2009 except that it may be terminated or suspended upon mutual consent of the parties to the agreement, or upon (30) days written notice by either of the parties to the agreement
5 for 0 against.

294 Approved Inland Forest Management permit to use 3 miles of road that accesses Tribal Allotment 633 to harvest timber on their property ending December 31, 2010
5 for 0 against.

295 Approved Forestry program Interagency –Annual Operating Plan (Fire) 2007
5 for 0 against.

296 UNAVAILABLE

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300 Approved the amendment to the Tribal Code, Chapter 30, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Charitable Gaming Code, to add to Section 30-9.04, to item 3 Special Circumstances to insert as follows:
(3) Special Circumstances, The Coeur d'Alene Tribe recognizes there are circumstances which may require Insert: or justify disbursement of Insert: all or a portion of Insert: the remaining individual trust money. An application must be submitted for such disbursement. Applications are available through the Tribal Enrollment Office. Tribal Council

or designated representatives will review applications for disbursement under the following circumstances: (a) Upon certification by at least two licensed physicians that the Minor is afflicted with a terminal illness. (b) Upon certification by a school official that the minor will be Graduating. Disbursement for the graduation expense shall not exceed \$500. Insert: (c) Upon showing the legitimate need or exigent circumstance of a minor who has received a high school diploma or GED certificate. This amendment to the Tribal Code, Chapter 30 shall take effect immediately upon the signing of this Resolution
6 for 0 against.

301 UNAVAILABLE

302 UNAVAILABLE

303 UNAVAILABLE

304 UNAVAILABLE

305 Approved the management and restoration of the Hepton Lake property for the purpose of enhancing wetland and waterfowl habitat
4 for 1 against.

306 Approve contract with Interfluve, Inc. to asses the wetlands and hydrological function of Hepton Lake for \$66,737
5 for 0 against.

307 Approved for Bureau of Indian Affairs funding for work related to water rights in the amount of \$200,000
5 for 0 against.

308 Approved payment for Invoice dated August 15, 2007 for March, June & July 2007 in the amount of \$16,567.24 from Drinker Biddle & Reath in connection with the tribal accounting claim against the United States
5 for 0 against.

309 Approved payment In-House Legal/Legislative Kanji & Katzen, PLLC Legal Representative Case No. CV-BF-2006-1626 February, March, April, May, June and July 2007 Invoice #5,6,7,8,9, and 10 total \$72,914.20
4 for 0 against 1 abstain.

310 Approved the Amendment to the Tribal code, Chapter 30, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Charitable Gaming Code, to add to Section 30-5.01 section (Q) and to add new: Section 30-15.01 Guest Dispute Resolution Procedures to read as follows:
30-5.01 Powers and Duties of the Board
Insert:

(Q) Ensure that procedures governing the resolution of disputes, complaints and concern raised by guests or customers of the gaming enterprise are promulgated and implemented.

Insert:
30-15.01 Guest Dispute Resolution Procedures

All gaming enterprises licensed and regulated by the Board shall create and implement procedures for resolving disputes, complaints and concerns raised by guests of the among enterprise.
And that the Amendment to the

Tribal Code shall take effect upon the signing of the Resolution
5 for 0 against.

311 UNAVAILABLE

312 UNAVAILABLE

313 UNAVAILABLE

314 Approved contract between Pictometry International Corporation and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in the amount of \$46,340
6 for 0 against.

315 CONFIDENTIAL *A Resolution maybe classified "Confidential" for reasons pertaining to personal issues, land acquisition, and/or attorney/client privileged information*

316 Approved homesite lease cancellation
4 for 0 against 1 abstain 1 out.

317 Approved a 2 year lease term on the Allotment Hanson Property for DAMAN BROTHERS beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2009 with conditions
5 for 0 against 1 abstain.

318 UNAVAILABLE

319 Approved a 50 year Homesite Lease to Dean David Chapman on Allotment 567 and there must be improvements or proof that there is a home located on the site within six months or resolution will be cancelled
6 for 0 against.

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Tribal Elder Felix Aripa had given the Council Fires their first Schitsu'umsh name of *sgwelp hnya*mn meaning the fire at a gathering place. Then in 1992 Tribal Elder Francis SiJohn honored the Council Fires with another translation: *Sgwelp-n'mut*, a phrase to describe the big fire kept at the main lodge around which decision makers gathered and their ideas where sent through the smoke to the lodges around the village. Later the Tribal Language Dept. contributed the translation of *sgwelp twel'p 'ya'* (*pqi'n'm* which means a fire that burns because people surround it.

Cd'A Fire Management program looking at prevention, recruiting

Story & photo by Lorraina Gentry

This small department puts in long hours to insure the community's safety. With only 3 full-time employees the Fire Management Program has sacrificed to keep this passion for fire fighting alive. Being a fire fighter, what used to once be a childhood dream of many, appears to be fading away with a more competitive job market. In the mid 90's there was a higher demand for seasonal workers; 12 being the average in the past has now dwindled down to 3. Thomas Pakootas, the Fire Management Officer, has 23 years of experience in the field. Some of his job duties are ensuring that all agreements with the state and forest services are done and complete, reviewing trainings, compiling inter-agency agreements and overseeing all general fire operations. Michael George, the department's Training Officer, has 20 years experience; he performs all of the annual trainings and pack test. Daniel Vasser is the Fire Prevention Officer; although this is a new program he will be responsible for getting fire safety awareness out to the public. He

has been a fire fighter for 8 years. On top of the duties required in each position the entire staff has the responsibilities of physically managing the fires as well. "We do a very tough job," said Pakootas. "How many people put their lives on the line on a daily basis?" You will not see this department at the Tribal functions as they are always on guard in order to be available at all times and even when they are "off," they still remain on-call. "Most of the time the fires are already put out before anyone even knows about them," explained Vasser. It is not uncommon for these dedicated employees to put in well over 100 hours on their time sheets. They work as a team and are hopeful that there will be more recruits that will have the same passion to fight fire that they possess. The primary function for the department is to suppress and manage all wild land and or prescribed fires for both on and off the reservation. A prescribed fire is described as one applied in a knowledgeable manner to forest fuels on a specific land area under

The Fire Mangement Program's employees are shown above left to right: Don Pakootas, Dan Vassar, Mike Hendrickx, and Tom Pakootas.

selected weather conditions to accomplish predetermined, well-defined management objectives. The call center for fire alerts is located in Hayden. Many times, before the call center is even contacted, the Tribe's Fire Management program has already been on the scene and analyzed the severity of the situation, determining if they need reinforcements. All of the fire departments in neighboring areas work very closely together and will offer their assistance if it required. The Tribal Fire Management

program is funded through the BIA unlike most of the Tribal departments they see no revenue which the Tribe brings in. Without any funds from the revenue the department must be very precise on how the finances are applied, which is a contributor to the department being short staffed. When there is an unproductive fire season they can expect to see a smaller grant, but that does not seem to be the case for this fire season where wildfires have rav-

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Chairman's Corner

Dear Membership,

First, I want to extend my appreciation to everyone that attended the recent Members Meeting. I am thankful for your participation and for your voice, and I hope that the meeting also provided an opportunity for the Membership to learn firsthand some of the important initiatives that the Tribal Council is engaged in.

There are many critical issues that we are facing, such as the ongoing Avista litigation, and also a focus on enrollment matters. There are also many items that we can all find great pride—the incredible success of our Casino, along with the progress of new business ventures such as Berg Integrated Systems. As part of the executive leadership for our Tribe, each day I pray and hope that we continue to head in a good direction.

On that note, I am very excited about the potential and promise of one of our own Tribal Members, James Alexie. He has been recently named Business Manager for Berg Integrated Systems (BIS), and his position represents the type

of growth that we are striving for in our businesses. Ultimately we anticipate that many more of the positions at BIS will be filled with highly-qualified, self-starting, bright young people such as James, and I warmly welcome and commend James for his hard work.

As you may have heard too, we are on in the midst of final negotiations for an upcoming multi-million dollar award of a military contract at BIS that we expect will be a critical part of development and future success at BIS. It has been many months in the making, and a lot of serious work has already begun for a successful award of the contract. When it happens, keep your eyes and ears peeled for an announcement of the details, and also for an invitation to an open house and celebratory BBQ at BIS to showcase some of the most recent developments.

As we continue to have these types of successes, we are blessed with the ability to meet many needs in our community. One important area of focus the Tribal Council intends to look at closely in the upcoming year is

Tribal housing. This is an issue that is always challenging, but the bottom line is that we need safe, affordable, and comfortable homes for our people. In order to have a healthy and secure community, this aspect is very important, and we will be engaging in a serious dialogue on the issue in the near future.

Recently, a local news outlet reported that, once again, we are facing a threat of withdrawal by the Benewah County Commissioners and county resources, regarding our Mutual Aid and Cross-Deputization law enforcement agreement.

It is a shame that this local government entity continues to play politics with something as critical as law enforcement, especially in the rural areas that we live. Just last year alone, this type of mutual agreement allowed for our Tribal Police officers, along with both Kootenai and Benewah County law enforcement, to make over 2,300 arrests and to respond to over 5,600 incidents.

Yet I am also assured that our recent investments in personnel, training and equipment for our Tribal police force, along with a continued good working rela-



tionship with Kootenai County law enforcement—that will be able to meet and exceed the needs we have in our community. In the meantime, we will continue to try and work through this dispute, and hope that we can come to a resolution that is beneficial for all our communities.

As in the past, and for the future, we must remember and recognize that the situation will not always be perfect—but it is how you manage the challenge that counts. I am very proud and grateful for the colleagues that I call upon, and work collectively with each day. As we

move forward to new ventures, and while tackling the bumps in the road, I am reminded of how many outstanding and talented people there are amongst our Tribal community. It is always good to hear your voice and get your perspective, in arenas like the recent Members Meeting. This concern and participation always makes me proud to be a Coeur d'Alene. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Chief Y Allan

OCTOBER - 2007

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	1	2 LHS:VB @ Charter	3 CDA: Early Release	4 CDA/LES: NO SCHOOL LHS:VB @ Kootenai	5 CDA/LES: NO SCHOOL LHS: FB @ Mullan	6
7	8 LHS:VB @ Logos	9 LHS:VB @ Wallace	10	11 LHS:VB vs. Mullan	12 LHS: FB vs. Clark Fork	13
14	15	16 National Boss Day	17	18	19 LHS: FB @ Wallace	20 High School Volleyball Districts
21	22 ECLC: French toast with Fathers uncles, cousins, grandpas brothers and friends	23	24 ECLC: Water Potato Day Field Trip United Nations Day	25 LES: Picture Day	26 Water Potato Day Tribal Hdqts & ECLC CLOSED LHS: FB @ Clark Fork	27
28	29	30	31 ECLC: parade at Wellness Center			

~ Community Announcements ~

STOP program seeking old cell phones

Do you have an old cell phone you would like to donate?

The STOP Violence Program is collecting old cell phones for recycling.

Collection boxes are located at the following locations:

Wellness Center
Tribal Headquarters
STOP Violence Office @ 281 G St. Plummer

Or please call The STOP Violence Program: 686-0900 or 686-5910 and we will make arrangements to pick up your old cell phone.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPPORT.

TSAP checks and Direct Deposit payments will be issued on the 15th of the month. In the event that the 15th falls on a weekend, checks and Direct Deposits will be issued on Friday.

ATTENTION :
COEUR D’ALENE TRIBAL
ENROLLMENT APPLICANTS

ALL COMPLETED ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE WINTER PER CAPITA

Mentor program

IF PARENTS WISH TO HAVE A MENTOR ASSIGNED TO THEIR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FOR THE 2007 SCHOOL YEAR PLEASE CONTACT BERNIE @ 686-0900.

U.S. 95 pool league

The Starting Date for the 2007-2008 U.S. 95 Pool League will be Thursday October 4, 2007. League Schedules will be made available at least 1 week prior to beginning of season. Please contact Mike George with any questions.

ECLC Craft Fair December 7, 2007

A craft fair will be held in the ECLC Gym from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.


Start your crafts now and we will see you then!

Contact Alison White or Tami Brown at 686-6507 to reserve your table now.

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE
ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

KIDS OF ALL AGES WILL BE
"TRICK OR TREATING"
AT THE WELLNESS CENTER ON
OCTOBER 31, 2007

PLEASE CALL JR GUSTIN @ 686-6108
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A BOOTH



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The Vision!

Coeur d’Alene Reservation communities are close-knit communities with tribal and local governments working in strong partnerships. We have open community conversations and full participation from our citizens. We are renowned for our progressive, cohesive and collaborative communities and self-supportive rural life. We have a strong belief in and support for education that provides for lifelong learning.

We have created vibrant bustling downtowns and a diverse, progressive, and innovative small business sector. We have developed an abundance of savvy business people who cater to the multitude of recreational enthusiasts and passing visitors.

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A One Day Conference On The Effects of Domestic Violence On Our Families And Communities

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TUESDAY OCT 9, 2007
CD’A CASINO, HWY 95, WORLEY, IDAHO
9AM TO 4:30PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS by MONTE MacCONNELL JD, FORMER IDAHO MAGISTRATE AND ADA COUNTY LEGAL ADVISOR. MONTE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PASSAGE OF MOST OF THE DV LAWS IN IDAHO AND THE VICTIMS RIGHTS MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE HAS BEEN PROVIDING TRAINING IN THIS FIELD FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE WORKSHOPS ON “STALKING-THE WHO, WHAT AND WHY”, ‘THE REALITIES OF CYBER STALKING”, “IT TAKES A BOY TO RAISE A MAN”, ‘PRIMARY AGRES-SORS-WHO REALLY HAS THE POWER?”, & “WORKING WITH FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AFFECTED BY FAMILY VIOLENCE”.

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YES, I WANT TO ATTEND FAMILY VIOLENCE HURTS EVERYONE-TUES OCT 9-CDA CASINO, WORLEY, ID

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AGENCY_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE NUMBER_____ EMAIL_____

Water Potato celebration schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Oct 24, 25, 26 is Water Potato Day Celebration. This is the schedule for the three days. Wednesday is mainly for the young ECLC students. There might be over 125 students, teacher, staff, elders and Tribal officials participating each day this year. Please have students bring warm clothes and a change of clothes due to cold and rainy weather.

8:00 AM Pick up equipment to bring down to Lake site.

8:30 Set up site for digging and working stations.

9:00 Schools leave to go down to HAWLEY’S LANDING on the way to Chatcolet Lake there should be signs up!

9:30 Students arrive and are assigned to faculty. Students go meet their first Station facilitator. We will break the students into four groups.

9:45 First Station-Dig Water

Potatoes, Fisheries & Wildlife staff-Jeff Jordan, Gerry Green.

10:15 Second Station-Ecological Marsh Animal Habitat- Dan Jolibois, Glen Lambert Jr.

10:45 Third Station-Identify Trees/Plants, Education Department-Laura Laumatia.

11:20 Fourth Station- Tribal language and Story Telling-Felix Aripa, Raymond Brinkman, Rodney Frey, Fisheries Mark Stanger, and other Elders.

11:45 to 12:30 Lunch Station only on Friday-Tribal school staff will be cooking Hot-Dogs, Smores, Instant-Coffee, Cocoa, Tea.

12:30 to 12:45 Closing ceremonies, a few words from the Council and then we sing a few traditional songs then we end with a round dance song for everybody to join in. Say our good-bye’s until next season.

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aged the inland northwest, many of which have been ignited through natural causes such as lightning, but have been precipitated by the dry summer season. Unfortunately the main cause for the wild land fires in our area is arson. This department is optimistic that the new Prevention Program will educate on the haz-

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license. The amount of the settlement is not looking like it will be as large as many anticipated due to the size of the dam, they are trying to move forward with a realistic approach.

“Tribal Council has been very solid as far as negotiations,” explained Matt.

It was in discussion on how the membership would like to be involved with the way the settlement would be used. The Council discussed allowing membership input and agreed to send out surveys regarding this and times of the per capita distribution as well. This will allow feedback to be sent back to the Council so it will be decided what is in the best interest of the people.

Next on the agenda was the Berg Integrated Systems (BIS) update. There has been a large amount of

ards and the safety when dealing with fire.

Although these individuals can predict what a fire is going to do, it has taken many years of dedicated hard work and many years of training to reach this point. We may not always see them out in the public but one thing is for sure, these devoted fire fighters are always at work, for the safety of the people and for the land.

success already accomplished with this business. A military contract in the amount of \$480 million dollars has been signed; there is also another bid that is in the works, right now Berg is the only candidate for this major project. There will be more job positions opening in the area soon; they are looking to hire 50 more employees. The entry level position will be starting around \$10.00 to \$12.00 dollars an hour, hiring will be through the TERO program. It is anticipated to start seeing the revenue on Berg’s progress almost immediately.

Enrollment issues were on the agenda but will need to be addressed at a later time. Cindy LaDeaux volunteered to host some public meetings, in which the Chairman’s office will post those announcements. The meeting ended with a catered lunch provided by the Casino.

Eight names changed in Idaho

On September, 13, 2007 the U.S. Board of Geographic Names officially changed the names of 8 features in Idaho. This is the culmination of over a year and a half of work and waiting by the Coeur d’Alene Tribe.

The renaming process was initialized by Tribal Council several years ago. The 15 s-word replacement names were derived by the Tribal Elders along with the Language Department. The GIS program for the Tribe then navigated the paperwork and submission process to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names under the direction of Council. In addition, over 50 individual submitted letters of support for the Tribe’s request.

The initial request was sent to the U.S. Board of Geographic

Names in February of 2006. In the request the Tribe asked that 15 sites across the Tribe’s aboriginal territory in Idaho, Washington and Montana be renamed. The Tribe is still awaiting two changes in Washington State, one change in Montana, and two more in Idaho.

It is hoped that these remaining sites will be renamed in the next few months. In addition, two of the sites the Tribe requested name changes for are U.S. Forest Service locations and we believe that the Forest Service has accepted those name changes.

Lastly one of the name changes we requested coincided with a name change with the Salish Kootenai Tribe’s; in this case we have sided with the Salish Kootenai’s request and will allow them to fight that battle.

Local Osprey mangement undertaken by tribe and locals

By Nathan Albrecht, Wildlife Program

The southern portion of Lake Coeur d’Alene is the home to one of the densest populations of osprey in the country. This is evident when one takes a boat from Conklin Bay, under the bridge and up the St. Joe River. Many of the pilings and other structures contain active osprey nests that produce fledglings every year.

The osprey population in this area has been used in the past as a source for osprey relocations in other parts of the country. In order to assure that this population remains strong, the Tribal Wildlife Program has began to take an active role in osprey monitoring and management.

Osprey are migratory raptors that spend their winter in Central and South America, before migrating north to lakes, rivers, and reservoirs to breed. Adult ospreys form breeding pairs that nest at the same location for life. Ospreys select nest sites that provide maximum visibility of the surrounding terrain. On Lake Coeur d’Alene, many of these nest sites are on pilings and cottonwood trees. Ospreys establish their nests in late April and early May, and lay the eggs shortly thereafter. Successful osprey nests generally fledge from 1 to 4 young per year, usually in late July.

In order to manage the osprey population on Lake Coeur d’Alene, the Wildlife Program has been working with Idaho Fish and Game, as well as some local residents in establishing a monitoring protocol. This protocol consists of 4 main components: 1) Identify and map active and occupied nests, 2) Calculate nest success, 3) Band all fledglings, and 4) Estimate annual production.

An “active” nest is considered to be a nest that is occupied by an osprey pair that has already laid its eggs. This can be identified by observing the female on the nest. If she has laid her eggs, she will be in an incubating position. This is a specific posture that the female will be in when she is on eggs. An “occupied” nest is simply a nest that is associated with



An osprey platform is installed by the Coeur d’Alene Tribe’s Wildlife Program on Lake Coeur d’Alene.

an osprey pair, but does not yet have eggs. Starting this season, Wildlife staff observed ospreys in May to determine which nests are active, occupied, or vacant. All of these locations were then mapped with a GPS and put into a database.

The next step is to calculate nest success. All nests are re-visited in July to determine if there are fledgling ospreys present. Wildlife staff use a boat with a ladder to climb up to the nests and count the young. A nest that was previously identified as active or occupied that fledges young is considered to be a success. Factors that could cause a nest to be unsuccessful include such things as predation by other birds or mammals, death of a parent, poor nutrition, nest disturbance, and a variety of other environmental variables.

While wildlife staff are on the ladders at the nest sites, they also will assist with banding of all of the young. This process has been done for decades by IDFG staff, and Tribal staff will be assisting them with this in the future. Birds are fitted with a small ID tag on their leg. If this bird is ever handled again, this ID number is recorded. Researchers use this

system to monitor migration patterns and potential causes of mortality. Many birds that were banded as fledglings on Lake Coeur d’Alene have returned to establish their own nest as adults.

Osprey production is generally defined as the number of fledglings per active nests. This gives an overall index for population health. If there are negative factors affecting a population, it will often result in low production. The goal in osprey monitoring is to identify negative trends in the population status so that measures can be taken to correct them. Hopefully with the protocols outlined here, we will be able to identify these trends in time.

Over the past 2 years, wildlife staff have been working to assure that quality potential nesting structures are maintained on the lake. Old piling removal and a deteriorating cottonwood population has threatened to reduce potential nest sites. In order to compensate for this, additional platforms have been built on remaining pilings, and nesting platforms that have deteriorated have been repaired. With proper management, the osprey population should remain strong well into the future.

USDA Announces 2008 Wheat Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Prices

Spokane, WA,— For Idaho, Oregon and Washington, USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) has announced the PROJECTED 2008 Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) Base Price of \$6.27 for all wheat; Income Protection (IP) Projected Price of \$6.27 for all wheat; and Revenue Assurance (RA) [available in Idaho only] Projected Price of \$5.93 for winter wheat.

RMA also announced an additional price election for 2008 wheat of \$4.90 per bushel. This price represents the maximum price elections for the crop year (not applicable to revenue plans) for the Actual Production

History (APH) yield-based wheat insurance plan.

These prices are critical for producers who are evaluating which wheat crop insurance product or plan will provide the best risk management tool for their operation.

Sales closing date for Wheat in Idaho, Oregon and Washington states is Monday, October 1.

Producers should contact their local MPCl agent for complete crop insurance details. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the website <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

Community Members Rally for Change

More than 100 people attend Community Visioning Rally at Rose Creek Longhouse

By Laura Laumatia

As promised, the Coeur d’Alene Reservation Horizons Visioning Rally began at 5:17 sharp on Thursday, September 13th. Community members began arriving before 5, however, and those who wandered in early quickly jumped in and began helping with final preparations. By 5:30, the dining tables were filled with people of all ages dining on stew, soup, fry bread and desserts that were prepared by the Horizons Steering Committee members and Leadership Plenty graduates. In all, 112 people, not including the community coach, signed in for the event. In addition to local residents, the rally was attended by the new UI Tribal Liaison, Arthur Taylor, representatives from the Department of Commerce and Labor, students from the UI Bioregional Planning program, and WSU Landscape Architecture students all hoping to hear what

our Reservation community wants and needs.

After the community had its fill of soup and frybread, the rally began with the introduction of David Beurle, the guest speaker from Innovative Leadership Australia. David shared with the participants what he had heard from local high school students earlier in the day. At a brief assembly at the school, our local youth told him that they did not perceive that the community cared about them, nor that there were opportunities for them as young people. Though people were discouraged to hear what David was reporting, it helped them think about what the community could be doing to communicate better with our youth.

David then led the group through a “sticky dot” exercise where they voted on the 10 attributes of a successful community, placing green dots where they thought the Reservation was doing well, and

red dots where they thought the community was weak. After the activity, the community discussed what they saw. Weaknesses included community support for education, and lack of community pride and an inclusive environment, but economic opportunities and strength of traditional organizations were seen as assets to build on.

After the discussion, David talked with the community about other issues, but also began talking about how the community needed to think about changing “context,” and more specifically about how we need to work together to change our conversations to reflect the pride we share for our hometowns. The participants also had small group discussions where they talked about the type of economy they wanted to see, and sources of community pride/community assets. The lan-

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~ People In the News ~

Dressler-Lodge wed in ring and feather ceremony



Ms. Dylan RocksSinging Lodge, Spokane, married Lance Corporal John Bazel Dressler, Camp Pendleton, CA, on June 7, 2007 in Spokane, WA. The beautiful wedding was officiated by Kalispel tribal elder Francis Cullooyah who performed the traditional ceremony in a circle of cedar boughs prepared by his wife Wilma Cullooyah.

The couple exchanged rings and eagle feathers and were joined in the old way by being wrapped in a Pendleton blanket by their maternal aunts, Courtney Sijohn and Cindy Jeannotte, who served as the witnesses to the ceremony. Dylan's nephew, Douglas Birdtail, served as the "flower boy" and assisted her during the ceremony. The wedding,

meal and reception were held in the NATIVE Project's new community center room at 1803 W. Maxwell in Spokane.

Ms. Lodge is a graduate of Shadle Park High School and Gonzaga University and works as a Child and Youth Services Specialist at the NATIVE Project. LCpl. Dressler is a graduate of Lakeside High School, Plummer, ID and is currently a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA. The Dresslers plan to live in Spokane after John finishes the Marine Corps and pursues his degree in law enforcement.

Dylan is an enrolled member of the Gros Ventre tribe of Ft. Belknap, Mt. and a descendant of the Turtle Mt. Chippewa tribe of North Dakota. Her parents are Vaughn and Toni Lodge, Spokane. John is an enrolled member of the Couer d'Alene Tribe of Idaho and a descendant of the Spokane Tribe of Washington. His parents are Ailene Samuels, Plummer, ID and Gary Dressler, Spokane.

LaSarte-Meeks meets goal in his first sprint triathlon



By Bob Bostwick

Just finish. That was a simple enough top goal for CEO Dave LaSarte-Meeks on Saturday as he faced his first sprint triathlon.

He achieved it and a good deal more, finishing a little below the middle of the pack in the Kirkland Triathlon at Carillon Point.

His time of 1:49:04, about 45 minutes behind the winner but easily good enough for his second goal: finish under two hours.

The Kirkland event is one of the most popular in the Northwest, drawing about 1,200 competitors, men and women, in a number of categories.

A sprint triathlon requires a half mile swim, 12 miles on bicycle and three miles running.

"I train and do my best to stay in very good condition," said LaSarte-Meeks. "This kind of competition is something very different for me, but it's a challenge that I like to have and it was a competition that I enjoyed very much."

At 36, LaSarte-Meeks is a healthy 188 lbs, some 12 lbs below his college football playing weight.

"I knew the swimming portion of the event would be the toughest for me, and it was," he said. "I'm not a strong swimmer. I did, however, make up for that in the running and biking."

The popularity of Kirkland triathlon and many others in the Northwest might be contagious. Many of the competitors do triathlons as a lifestyle, even as professionals, but most do them for the challenge.

"One of the great things about this is the people involved," said LaSarte-Meeks. "This was a chance to spend time with a lot of great people and meet a lot of great people. That was probably what I enjoyed most."

Enough to do it again? "Yes," he said. "I'm definitely going to go back to Kirkland next year. I want to see if I can improve on my time, at the very least. I might even compete in some other triathlon events, too."

Cd'A Tribal police force undergoes extensive inspection



The Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police force, shown above, underwent a detailed inspection of their persons, vehicles and equipment on September 6, 2007. Police Chief Keith Hutcheson first inspected the Lieutenants vehicles, then enlisted them to help inspect the deputies.

Each police cruiser was inspected for cleanliness and proper function of all equipment in the vehicles. Each officer was also scutinized down to the shine of their shoes and the creases in their uniforms.

"I have been and will be doing this every year," commented Hutcheson. "I want our tribal police to be at the top of their game at all times."

After the vehicle inspections, the force went into the police station, located on Hwy 95 across from the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Headquarters in Plummer, Idaho, to have their weapons inspected. Items such as guns, tasers and radios were thoroughly checked to ensure they are all in top operational condition.

Veteran sailors meet at Cd'A Casino for reunion



Veterans from the USS Thompson met for a reunion, 30 years after they stepped off thier ship for the last time over the weekend of September 22nd at the Coeur d'Alene Casino.

Tribal Elder, Felix Aripa, shown fourth from right, was a member of the ship during World War II while America was fighting against the German army and was wounded during the war.

The shipmates spent the week-end reconnecting with one another at the event organized by the Tribe's Warrior Society.

Tribe donates bags, volunteers stuff supplies



Shown above are (L to R) Jess Arthur, Sarah Carrilo, Cindy Aripa and Kristen Lowley who volunteered to fill donated bags for area school students. Photo by Lynn Lowley

As has become tradition, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe distributed backpacks full of all the necessary supplies a student would need for the entire school year. But, unlike the years previous, every student in the Plummer-Worley School district, plus all those attending the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School, received one; whereas it was a treat extended to tribal members only in the past.

Each student in the area received

a black Nike back pack, donning a stitched on Tribal emblym, filled to the rim with the required list of supplies for the school year, provided by teachers of every grade in the school districts. A total of 615 were handed out by home-room teaches on the first day of classes.

Angel George, Administrative Assistant for the Coeur d'Alene

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~ Sports ~

Coeur d’Alene Tribal School enters 3rd year in competitive sports



Darby Ratz bumps the ball during a volleyball game while teammates Deeanna Crow, Kadeja Mitchell, Ashley LaSarte and Hailey Johnson watch in anticipation of the outcome. Photo by Lynn Lowley

The Coeur d’Alene Tribal School, in DeSmet, Idaho, has entered into their third year with a competitive sports program, while not in an official league; students this season are given the option of playing volleyball and participating in cross country.

With only 7 games scheduled for this season in volleyball, the team unfortunately endured their first loss of the season on September 18th against Lake City Jr. Academy. But with 5 more games in the next month, the team and coach, Roxanne Pluff, with Manager Marcus Pluff, remain optimistic regarding their pending record.

The team consists of 13 players in grades 5 through 8: Kyra Antone, Hailey Johnson, Crystal Weston, Deeanna Crow, Mary Pappan, Imani Antone, Ashley LaSarte, Kadeja Mitchell, Darby Ratz, Dale Ann SiJohn, Marisa Crowe, Gina DeLorme and Mariah Frank.

For the month October the team will be playing at home against Upriver on the 1st of the month with the final two games being played on the visitor’s court at the

Coeur d’Alene Charter Academy on October 15 and at Upriver on October 18.

The cross country team will have three meets in the month of October. The first against Post Falls on October 3 at Kiwanis Park, following up with meets on October 9th and 16th at Woodland-Higgins Point and Canfield-Farragut State Park, respectively.

During their first meet at Round Lake the athletes participated in a 1.8 mile run. Participants on the cross country team are Crystal Weston, Imani Antone, Gina DeLorme, Deeanna Crowe, Marisa Crowe, Hailey Johnson, Ashley LaSarte and Darby Ratz, who are working double-time as they are also on the volleyball team. Also participating are Mary Pappan, Mariah Boyd, Armondo Garcia, Jesse Allen, Joseph Lenoir, Jason Pappan, Patrick Thomas, Marcus Pluff, Andrew Smith, Shady Thomas, Richard Vincent and Bernardo Garcia.

Both cross country and volleyball games for the month of October begin at 4:00 pm on their schedule days and locations.

Lakeside Middle School Football

- October 8 @ Kootenai 5:30 pm
- October 10 vs. Wallace 6:00 pm
- October 15 @ Mullan 3:30 pm
- October 18 vs. Clark Fork 5:00 pm

Coach: Chris Dohrman Asst. Coach: Charles Doe
Athletic Director/Principal: Bill Burns
Superintendent: George Olsen

Lakeside JV volleyball trumps Wallace in 5th season game



Lakeside High School’s Lady Knights JV volleyball player Mily Jordan bumps the ball during a match against Wallace on September 20, 2007 while teammate Jazmine Luevano looks on. In their 5th game of the season, the ladies bested Wallace in the game, 2 matches to 1. Photo by Lynn Lowley

Lakeside Middle School Volleyball

- October 3 @ Cd’A Charter 5:00 pm
- October 8 @ Kootenai 4:00 pm
- October 10 vs. Wallace 5:00 pm
- October 11 @ St. Maries 5:00 pm
- October 15 @ Mullan 5:00 pm
- October 16 vs. N.I. Christian 4:30 pm
- October 18 vs. St. Maries 5:00 pm
- October 20 St. Maries Tourney 9am-3pm

Coach: Jan Mitchell
Assistant Coach: Rod Bashaw
Athletic Director/Principal: Bill Burns
Superintendent: George Olsen

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guage that the group shared was then fed back to two steering committee members, Carla Marratt and Dr. Chris Meyer, who used the community’s language to craft a short vision statement.

The community committed to work to achieve the following vision statement for at least one year:

Coeur d’Alene Reservation communities are close-knit communities with tribal and local governments working in strong partnerships. We have open community conversations and full participation from our citizens. We are renowned for our progressive, cohesive and collaborative communities and self-supportive rural

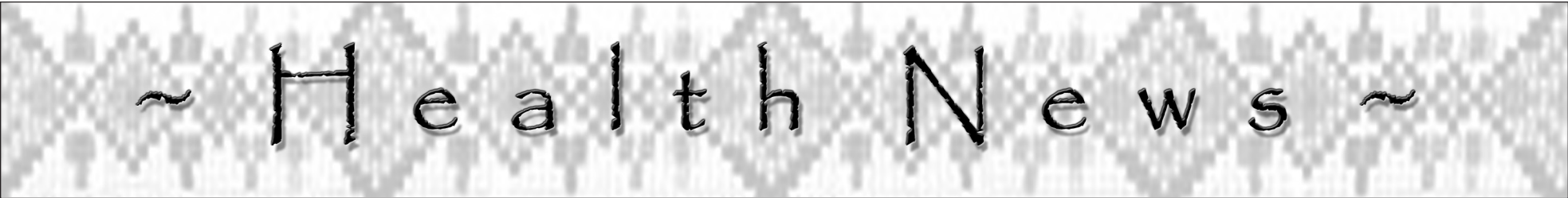
life. We have a strong belief in and support for education that provides for lifelong learning.

We have created vibrant bustling downtowns and a diverse, progressive, and innovative small business sector. We have developed an abundance of savvy business people who cater to the multitude of recreational enthusiasts and passing visitors.

The community agreed to commit to the visioning statement, and then talked about the type of actions they might engage in to help realize the vision. Areas that the group would like to focus on included building community unity and strengthening relationships, increasing collaboration between Tribal and local government, and developing buy-in for the vision.

The Horizons group will be having a “Launch” to build action teams that will address long-term actions around the areas identified at the Rally. The Launch will take place on September 27th at the Plummer Community Center, and continued support and involvement from everyone in our community is necessary. The teams will be working over the next year to develop and implement plans to help make our vision a reality.

For more information, please call Laura Laumatia, community coach, at 686-1716, or contact one of our steering committee members: Carla Marratt, Wilma Bob, Bobbi Doupe, Charlotte Nilson, Kathy Kolar, Dr. Chris Meyer, Donna Spier, AC Sanchez, Jess Marratt, Terry Doupe, Sister Dolores, and Emily Bell.



HIV/AIDS continues to affect numerous Native American/Alaskan Tribes

HIV/AIDS is a growing problem among American Indians and Alaska Natives. Even though the numbers of HIV and AIDS diagnoses for American Indians and Alaska Natives represent less than 1% of the total number of HIV/AIDS cases reported to CDC’s HIV/AIDS Reporting System, when population size is taken into account, American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2005 ranked 3rd in rates of HIV/AIDS diagnosis.

Risk Factors

Race and ethnicity are not, by themselves, risk factors for HIV infection. However, American Indians and Alaska Natives are likely to face challenges associated with risk for HIV infection, including the following:

Sexual Risk Factors

The presence of a sexually transmitted disease can increase the chance of contracting or spreading HIV. High rates of *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection, gonorrhea, and syphilis among American Indians and Alaska Natives suggest that the sexual behaviors that

facilitate the spread of HIV are relatively common among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Substance Use

Persons who use illicit drugs (casually or habitually) or who abuse alcohol are more likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as unprotected sex, when they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Results of the 2005 National Survey on Drug Use and Health indicate that the rate of current illicit drug use was higher among American Indians and Alaska Natives (12.8%) than among persons of other races or ethnicities.

Cultural Diversity

The American Indian and Alaska Native population makes up 562 federally recognized tribes plus at least 50 state-recognized tribes.

Because each tribe has its own culture, beliefs, and practices and these tribes may be subdivided into language groups, it can be challenging to create programs for each group. Therefore, prevention programs that can be adapted to individual tribal cultures and

beliefs are critically important. Current programs emphasize traditional teachings and the importance of the community.

HIV Testing Issues

Access to HIV testing and issues concerning confidentiality are important for many American Indians and Alaska Natives. For example, at the time of AIDS diagnosis, more American Indians and Alaska Natives, compared with persons of other races/ethnicities, resided in rural areas.

Those who live in rural areas may be less likely to be tested for HIV because of limited access to testing. Also, American Indians and Alaska Natives may be less likely to seek testing because of concerns about confidentiality in close-knit communities, where someone who seeks testing is likely to encounter a friend, a relative, or an acquaintance at the local health care facility.

During 1997–2000, 50.5% of American Indians and Alaska Natives who responded to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey reported that they had never been

tested for HIV. This percentage was higher in the southwestern United States, where 58.1% of the American Indians and Alaska Natives reported never having been tested.

Prevention

In the United States, the annual number of new HIV infections has declined from a peak of more than 150,000 during the mid-1980s and has stabilized since the late 1990s at approximately 40,000. Persons of minority races/ethnicities are disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic.

To reduce further the incidence of HIV infection, CDC announced Advancing HIV Prevention (AHP) in 2003. This initiative comprises 4 strategies: making HIV testing a routine part of medical care, implementing new models for diagnosing HIV infections outside medical settings, preventing new infections by working with HIV-infected persons and their partners, and further decreasing perinatal HIV transmission.

For more information on the data mentioned above, or to learn more about HIV please contact: The Center for Disease Control.

Indian health care bill advances in Senate panels

Washington DC- Legislation that would boost Indian health care has been approved by two Senate panels.

The Senate Finance Committee approved legislation Wednesday that would provide an additional \$52 million for American Indians who use programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

The bill would simplify how those programs pay Indian health providers. The legislation also aims to boost outreach and enrollment in some of those programs and protect Indian health providers from discrimination.

Democratic Senator Max Baucus of Montana, chairman of the finance panel, says Indians “shouldn’t have to fight for what’s rightfully theirs.”

Area residents participate in PPHF bike ride on Trail of Coeur d’Alenes



Coeur d’Alene tribal member John Abraham (shown above) participated in the First Annual Pedalin’ for Public Health Bike Ride on the Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes August 25, 2007 sponsored by the Panhandle Public Health Foundation Inc.

PPHF is a non-profit organization that raises money to support ongoing and new innovative programs that improve public health in Idaho’s five northern counties. The organization began in 2004.

Photo by Lynn Lowley

Heart disease prevalent among Native American women

Heart disease is the second leading cause of death for American Indian/Alaska Native women. Heart disease has also become a major cause of disability and hospitalizations for American Indian/Alaska Natives. More than half of American Indian/Alaska Natives have at least one risk factor for heart disease, including, lack of exercise, and smoking.

Heart disease is a group of diseases of the heart and the blood vessel system in the heart. , the most common type, affects the blood vessels of the heart. It can cause a heart attack. Angina is a pain in the chest that happens when the heart does not get enough blood.

It may feel like a pressing or squeezing pain, often in the chest, but sometimes in the shoulders, arms, neck, jaw, or back. Having angina means you’re more likely to have a heart attack. A heart attack happens when a blood vessel is blocked for more than 20 minutes.

Signs of a heart attack: *pain or discomfort in the center of the chest*

for more than 20 minutes, pain or discomfort lasting more than 20 minutes in other parts of the upper body, including the arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach; other symptoms, including shortness of breath (feeling like you can’t get enough air), breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea (feeling sick to your stom-

ach), or feeling faint

Other symptoms women may have include: *unusual tiredness, trouble sleeping, problems breathing, indigestion (upset stomach, anxiety (feeling uneasy or worried).*

If you have any of these symptoms, call 911.

LEGAL MATTERS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Ailene Torpey has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of John Albert Martinez Jr. by the Coeur d’Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, John Albert Martinez Jr. are to serve such claims upon the Personal Representative and to file them with the Clerk of the Tribal Court within two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice which is September 28, 2007.

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to her at:

Ailene Torpey
P.O. Box 23
Plummer, Idaho 83851

NOTICE OF HEARING

A petition by **Nikisa Hummingbird Arthur**, born on May 14, 2001 at Spokane, WA now residing in Plummer, ID for a change in legal name to **Nikisa Hummingbird Curtis** has been filed in the Coeur d’Alene Tribal Court, due to lack of paternal involvement by petitioner’s father, Emil Daniel Arthur, who must contact the above named court within 30 days of this posting if wishing to object the petition for legal name change.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Coeur d’ Alene Tribe to the said: **“Unknown” biological father of Kadeja MitcheLl (d.o.b 05/04/95), Leontay Mitchell (d.o.b 09/20/00), Riley Mitchell (d.o.b 10/12/01), and Blaze Mitchell (d.o.b 12/20/05),** or anyone with a paternal interest. You are also hereby notified that you must contact Tribal Court within thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this Notice and answer the Petition of the Petitioners, if you fail to do so, judgment may be rendered against you according to the request of the Petition which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court, a Petition praying that the parent-child relationship between the biological father and the above named children be terminated. The object of this action is to seek an order relinquishing the children to the Petitioners, Douglas & Treva Callahan, for legal adoption by stepfather.

BMC: Participate in Plummer community POD exercise

November 1, 2007
10:00-12:00

Coeur d’Alene Tribal
Wellness Center

We need 300 people to participate in our Exercise!

Join the Medical Reserve Corps and volunteer to help staff the exercise or come through the simulated POD and receive a treat for your participation!

Facts about the Plummer Community POD:

-POD stands for Point of Dispensing, meaning that in an

emergency situation where large amounts of vaccines or medications needed to be provided to a large number of people in our community, we would open the Wellness Center as a POD and the community would be able to come to us to receive those medications or vaccines.

-In order to dispense medications/vaccinations to this community in a real event, Plummer POD would need 52 medical professionals in various fields and 48 non-medical people.

-There are currently 13 volunteers for this POD, 3 of which are non-medical.

Applications for the Medical Reserve Corps are available at the Wellness Center

Our Community needs more volunteers!

Come to a Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer orientation at the Wellness Center on October 11, 2007 from 6-8 PM to sign up!

For more information regarding this event, please contact the Benewah Medical Center at 208-686-1937.

~ Education News ~

Students return to Eagle Country

By Lynn Lowley

On August 29, 2007 three days before Labor Day weekend, classes began at the Coeur d’Alene Tribal School in DeSmet. This year there are a total of 75 students enrolled from Kindergarten to the eighth grade.

The schedule for the first day of school began with a nutritional breakfast prepared by Darlene Shute –Kitchen Food Supervisor. At 8:15a.m. The sound of the school bell echoed throughout the building sending students to check-in at their designated classroom.

After roll call was taken, teachers informed students that they would be going to the gym for a memorial service. The service was for a former teacher named Earlene Hansen. To her fellow co-workers and returning students she was known as Jewel. Ms. Hansen passed away this past August.

The Coeur d’Alene Tribe donated backpacks and school supplies to start off a new school year. At the end of the school day, students had their own backpack. A month before class began; the tribe contacted the office of Administration for the school and told them about the donation. The school gave an attentive roster that had 75 names of children that are enrolled for the 2007-08 school year.

This year the DeSmet Eagles Sports Activity consists of Cross Country, Volleyball and Basketball. On September 18, 2007 the Eagles had two sports activities on the same day. The Cross County 1.8 mile Meet was held at Round Lake State Park. A team of four girls and ten boys participated in the event. Round Lake is eleven miles south of

Sandpoint, Idaho. The Volleyball team of twelve went up against Lake City Jr. Academy. They lost their first opening game of the season. Due to three players being on the Cross Country team they were unable to participate in this game.

This year there is a total of 25 staff working at the school. There are 21 returning staff and 4 new teachers. They are:

Superintendent- Bob Subtotal, Assistant Principal / Activities Director- Eric Kendra, Bus Manager/ Tech. Teacher- John Anderson, Clerk / Administrative Assistant – Roxanne Puff, Receptionist / Register John Luzon, Teachers: K -1st grade Tanya St. George, 1st and 2nd grade - Marla Chance, 3rd grade - Debbie Christianson, 4th grade - Luke Penny, 5th - grade Rosin Carpenter, 6th grade - Janis Either, 7th & 8th grade / Math Coach - Donavon Chase, Special Ed Coordinator - Henry Willard, Special Ed Teacher- Delores Johnston, Special Ed. Aide- Vicki Abraham, Reading Coach- Anne Stammers, I.S.S. Coordinator- Margie Johnson, 21st Century – After School Coordinator- Megan Hansen, 21st Century- After school Assistant- James Church, Counselor- Terry Mack, Facilities / Maintenance – Don Wyatt, Kitchen/Food Supervisor – Darlene Shute, Librarian/Teacher - Judi Heicksen, Bus Drivers- Joe Pappan and Vernie Johnson. The Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pluff stated that Margie Johnson has worked thirty years at the Tribal School, and Marla Chance travels the furthest from Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Sobotta can be reached at 686-5808.

ECLC calendar of events for October

October 22: French Toast with Fathers, Uncles, Cousins, Grandpas, Brothers and Friends.

October 24: Celebrating Water Potato Day: field trip for Preschoolers.

October 26: Closed in for Water Potato Day.

October 31: Annual Halloween Parade at the Wellness Center.

For more information on these events, please contact the Early Childhood Learning Center at 686-6507.

Today (*Coeur d’Alene Tribe Early Childhood Learning Center*) announced its sponsorship of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be made available to enrolled children at no separate charge “in accordance with Federal law and the U. S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Persons who believe they have been denied equal opportunity for participation may write to the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call Toll-free: (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY).” Household income determines the amount of money USDA will reimburse us to provide meals to enrolled children and in the case of Head Start programs, the siblings of enrolled children. The income eligibility guidelines listed below are used to determine our reimbursement from USDA. Children from households whose monthly income is at or below these levels are eligible to be counted for free and reduced-price meal reimbursements.

**Child and Adult Care Food Program
Income Eligibility Guidelines
Effective from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FREE	REDUCED
1	1,062	1,511
2	1,430	2,035
3	1,799	2,560
4	2,167	3,084
5	2,535	3,608
6	2,904	4,132
7	3,272	4,656
8	3,640	5,180
For each additional family member	369	525

*Meals will be provided at:
CDA Early Childhood Learning Center
350 Anne Antelope, Plummer, ID*

ECLC announces new parent policy council members

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been elected to serve on ECLC Policy Council for the 2007-2008 program year:

Head Start
Marquette Hendrickx- member
Season Scruggs- alternate

Early Head Start
Josetta SiJohn- member
Lorraina Gentry- member
Dalberta Sutherland- alternate

Community Representative
Andrew Davison- employee of Cd’A Tribal Housing Authority

I would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who ran for Policy Council this year. Your dedication and enthusiasm to the program are very much appreciated.

In the event that a Policy Council vacancy occurs during the program year, the nominee with the next highest number of votes will be asked if they are still interested in participating as a member of PC.

Once again, thank you so much for your participation. We look forward to a very rewarding and productive year!

What a quality Head Start / Childcare Center looks like

By Jennie Lawrence & Heather Brown

Every child’s first teachers are their parents, but there comes a time for most families when parents will go back to work, forcing parents to look for a quality Child Care or Preschool program. As they look, they will discover that every Child Care, Head Start Center, or other early learning facility will value different things and have different teaching strategies and curriculum. To choose a quality child care, parents should look for the following 4 qualities of a good center. Centers

should: (1) focus on children, (2) have qualified staff, (3) build relationships with families, and (4) be well run.

#1: Focus on children
The first 5 years of a child’s life are a crucial period of development. Children who are nurtured and stimulated during these years are much more prepared for formal reading and math and are more likely to have the social skills they will need when it’s time for kindergarten according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children. When you visit a


center, go to different classrooms and watch how the children and teachers interact. The teachers should be at the children’s level interacting and playing, helping the child to build healthy relationships. The classroom should be set up with a variety of toys and activities for every child’s age and developmental needs. You should also ask the teacher about the curriculum they are using and how they are implementing it into the daily routine of the classroom.

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DEADLINE: 5:00 pm October 26, 2007

“How My Ancestors Land Use Influenced My Future in Agriculture”

2007 Writing Competition



Who is Eligible: Young Native American Women & Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall, 2007. Graduates of May or August 2007 are also eligible to enter. Must be a member of a **federally recognized Tribe**.

➤ 2006 Essay Finalists: (R to L) Melissa Badonie (Navajo), Seth Whiteclay (Crow), Amy Running Fisher (Blackfeet)

Sponsored By: Native Women & Youth in Agriculture and Intertribal Agriculture Council

Winners & Prize: Three (3) finalists will be announced the first week of November 2007 and provided an all-expense paid trip to the 2007 Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) and Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA) annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV on December 10-14, 2007. Finalists will be awarded several other prizes & will serve as Ag Ambassadors in 2007 and 2008 and will be awarded special prizes to be announced at the event. Each finalist must read their submittal at the awards luncheon.

Guidelines:

- ✓ 3-6 pages in length
- ✓ Typed
- ✓ One-inch margins
- ✓ Double spaced
- ✓ 12-point font

Judging Criteria:

- Creativity
- Quality of Sources
- Quality of Grammar
- Spelling & Punctuation
- Organization
- Length of Entry
- Documentation of Sources (3-5)
- Whether information appropriate to topic

We recommend:

1. Research the history of Agriculture in your Tribe
2. How does that influence your future in Agriculture

All entries MUST BE ACCOMPANIED by a separate sheet containing the student’s name, address, telephone number, email (if available), school attending and Tribal affiliation.

Send Submission to:
Native Women & Youth in Agriculture
c/o Tina Voigt
Intertribal Agriculture Council
100 N. 27th Street, Suite 500
Billings, MT 59101

Phone: 406.259.3525
Fax: 406.256.9980
Email: tvoigt@indianaglink.com

Entries may be mailed (postmarked October 26), faxed or emailed (“writing” in subject line)

~Casino Corner~

Coeur d’Alene Tribe, Casino launch MBA effort

Two informational meetings are scheduled for Oct. 18th to introduce casino and tribal employees to the University of Idaho’s Executive MBA Program. The goal is to offer a path, along with support, for college graduates to enhance their career paths with a Masters in Business Administration.

The meetings will be held at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on the 18th, including a presentation by Yvonne Sertich, Executive

Director of the UI College of Business and Economics.

“This is a great step toward creating opportunities and putting goals within reach here on the reservation,” said Dave LaSarte-Meeks, Chief Executive Officer at the Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort Hotel.

“We intend to have a long-standing commitment toward education and what it can do for the tribe and tribal enterprises.”

LaSarte Meeks holds MBA and Law degrees from Stanford University.

The University of Idaho launched the program this year, directing it at working professionals and offering classes that can be integrated into work schedules. For 2007, UI is conducting classes in Sandpoint. The effort associated with the tribe and the resort involves a plan for classes to be offered in Coeur d’Alene over the 2008-09 school year.

“We’re very excited about the program and absolutely thrilled by the attention and energy the tribe and the resort are giving this,” said Sertich. “The Executive MBA program will certainly benefit the tribe and its enterprises.”

For more information, individuals may contact the resort’s Human Resources Department at 686-0248 or the tribe’s Department of Education at 686-1800.

Grievance Board elections continue

A Grievance Committee is the latest step toward addressing improvements at the Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort Hotel. In this case, it empowers employees toward resolving grievances they may have with management, or other problems in the workplace.

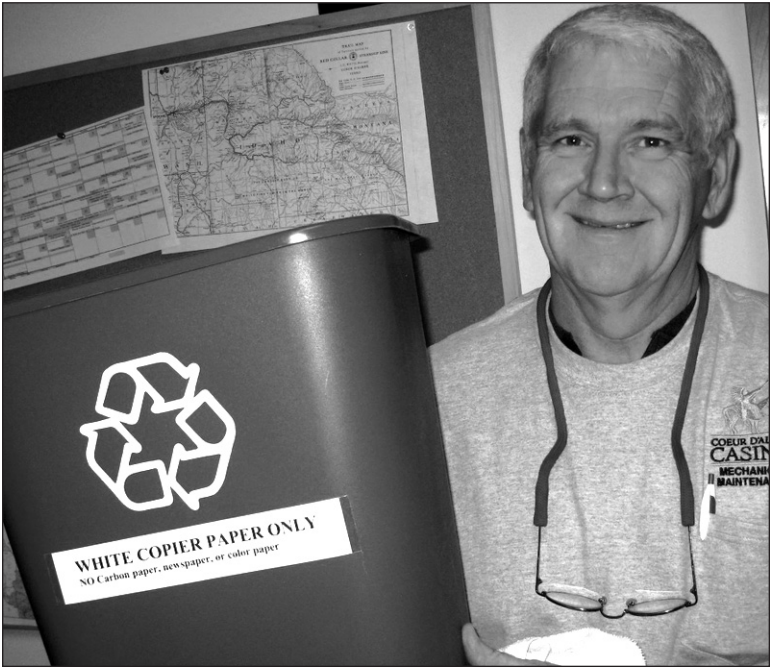
“The relationships people have in the workplace are vitally important to the success of this, or any, business,” said Chief Executive Officer Dave LaSarte-Meeks. “Employees should not only have their say, but also a place where they can be heard.”

The first group of EGB elections began Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

The casino has grown to employ about 950 people. With improvements in the infrastructure underway, another expansion is possible in the near future.

“I believe this has always been a very good place to work,” LaSarte-Meeks said. “That’s been to our benefit, but the job market offers a great deal in our region, so we have to be competitive. We have to continue improving as employees, and as an employer.”

Pat Allen coordinates recycling program



Pat Allen of Mechanical Maintenance has been named to coordinate all recycling here at the Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort Hotel.

The new position adds professional experience to management’s commitment toward complete recycling of waste materials.

And, we might even make some money from it.

“Pat will work with all departments to recycle as much as possible and to do so in the most efficient way,” said Mechanical Maintenance Manager Jason Lundmark. “Pat has a significant task ahead of him, but with a little support I feel that we can get the program rolling in the right direction.”

Allen is currently handing out blue waste baskets for collection of white copy paper. Contents of those bins will pay two cents per pound. Other bins, considerably larger, are also in place to receive plastics, newsprint, cans and cardboard.

“We can really have an impact with recycling waste materials,” Allen said. “I’m always available for ideas and to help. Anyone who needs anything or who has questions can contact me.”

Allen’s extension is 7327.

Allen’s position represents a long needed effort here. It also represents a long term commitment. Waste materials pile up by the ton in a property like this one. Most of those materials can be recycled, rather than simply go to a landfill.

“A lot of people have wanted to do this,” said Facilities Director Ron Douglas. “In fact, it’s been brought up many times over a long period of time. It should make us feel a little better about our workplace. At the same time, it will have a significant impact on our expenses for waste management.”

The program is in place throughout the resort.

Circling Raven Course Maintenance Underway

Circling Raven was closed down on Monday, September 17th, for a four-day maintenance effort. Superintendent Brian Woster and his staff will aerate and sand greens and tee boxes over that period.

Fairways will also be aerated, leaving large plugs of turf to be ground up and returned to the fairway surfaces.

The process improves the overall health of grasses on the various surfaces. It also helps prepare the course to endure a long winter.

That's enough, Mother Nature; we're getting more generators

By Bob Bostwick

It’s true. You can’t fight Mother Nature. You can’t fool her, either.

But, you can buy more generators.

That’s exactly what’s going to happen here at the Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort Hotel. Bigger, better, or just more generators, but word has been given that will address and resolve problems like those created by the sudden storm and ensuing power outage late Friday and early Saturday on Sept. 7-8.

“If we’re a world-class resort, we should have power all over, all the time,” said Chief Executive Officer Dave LaSarte-Meeks. “We’re stepping up to solve this problem once and for all. We’ve grown and when we lose power, it’s dangerous. People can get hurt.”

He was speaking to the

Executive Team on Tuesday following the outage, giving Facilities Director Ron Douglas the go to put more gas generators in the 2008 budget, enough to provide sufficient emergency power to all buildings and operations here.

That most recent power outage lasted nine hours, from 7:30 p.m. Friday until 4:30 a.m. Saturday. It was the longest one ever experienced on this property, among a great many.

And, it was compounded when a hose blew on one of the existing generators, bringing a shut down to the kitchen and all restaurant services. That problem was fixed after two hours, but a big night in the buffet was lost.

The Chevron couldn’t pump gas or even sell candy. Hungry patrons went elsewhere to eat. For a time, hotel guests couldn’t open

the doors to their rooms.

“The casino continued operating and I know that Carol Zarate and Rhonda Stiffarm kept things running well in the cage,” said LaSarte-Meeks. “I think people all over the building and the property responded to the problems superbly.”

The outage also created a heavy burden on security. Doors in some areas around the hotel had to be watched to allow access. An officer was stationed at the Chevron for the duration of the outage.

McClatchey joins Idaho Bar

In-house attorney Brian McClatchey received word this week that he has passed his Idaho Bar exam. McClatchey took the exam in August in Boise.

He will be sworn in as a member of the Idaho Bar Association at a ceremony next week in Boise.

McClatchey, already a member of the Washington Bar Association, is a graduate of the University of Washington and the University of Michigan School of Law.

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Tribe, who spearheaded this year’s efforts, along with numerous volunteers, spent over a week ensuring each bag was filled with the correct supplies before delivering them to the schools and teachers.

ID tags were then provided to the students with their picture and school information to attach to the bags in order to tell them apart since each are identical in design and color.

Students, parents and teachers alike were grateful and excited by the gift.

Tent Coming Down; Pavilion Going Up

By Steve Caruso

The events tent at Circling Raven Golf Club will come down—without the help of the wind, thank you very much.

In fact, a tent facility will be a thing of the past. Construction will begin almost immediately on a permanent Events Pavilion. The pavilion will be constructed on the same site that the tent, or tents, has occupied over the past few years.

[The site will feature a roof that includes sod and natural Palouse grasses and will be completed by the 2008 golf season.]

Meanwhile, ground has already been broken for the new cart and



maintenance building for Circling Raven.

That facility will be located adjacent to the practice facility and will considerably diminish time and effort toward preparing

golf carts for play.

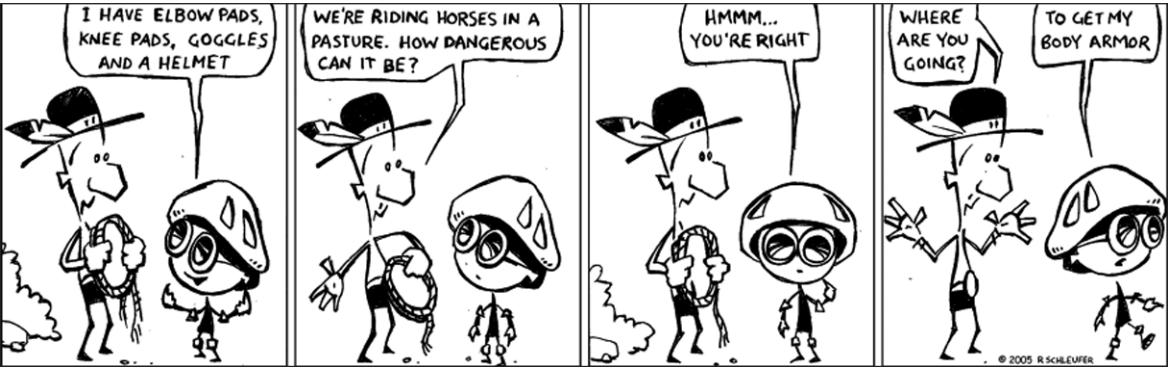
“It’s so much closer than the building up behind the hotel,” said interim Director of Golf Steve Caruso. “In the past, bringing carts back and forth took a

tremendous amount of time and also created a lot of unnecessary wear and tear on the carts. We’ll be able to handle our time more economically and ultimately serve our guests better.”

~ Editorials ~

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Screaming Chicken



By Randall Schleufer

Janson: proud of son for pow-wow accomplishments



Recently, my son, Jonathon Nomee, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member, had an opportunity to travel with his ya-ya Philomena, Auntie Bobbie and Uncle Larry White, and his cousins, Emmitt and Dahyitihi to several powwows across the nation. For three weeks I received several phone calls from the different places that

Jonathon and family traveled to. They started off in Shakopee, Minnesota at the Wacipi Powwow (Mdewakanton Sioux) where he place 2nd in Teen Boys Fancy and received \$400. Then Schemitzun in Mashantucket, Connecticut and placed 2nd and received \$500, then on to Four Bears Powwow in Newton, North Dakota where he

placed 1st and received \$500. It was not the money that had him excited it was the traveling to get there (the money just helped the journey along). Everyday a new town to tell me about, what he had a chance to see while in that town and how many people were there. This was an opportunity I am very glad that he got to have. With the money he earned on his little adventure he has added into his regalia, helped pay for expenses, and bought souvenirs for everybody waiting for him at home. Jonathon has been a fancy dancer since the time he could walk and he takes a lot of pride in his culture. If you have not had the pleasure of watching my son dance, you should take the time to do so. He lights up with pride when he is on the arena floor. He will bring tears to your eyes or leave you in awe by the time the dance is over. I would like to thank his ya-ya Philomena, Auntie Bobbie and Uncle Larry for getting our little guy around to all these exciting places and helping him participate in something he loves. I also want to say that I am **very proud** of you Jonathon and hope that you continue down this path.

*Love Mom,
Deann Janson*

Campbell: 1997 CV-97-17255 Ambassadorship

The fact is, in the Tribal Court practicing on the 1872 Executive Order of Congress and of Principal Chief Edward-Wy-Lughx. The Psychology Department operates under Indian consent and moral psychology rights where there exists no higher class system, and, the

Red Race Citizens possess rights of real and full citizenship. Whites working within the Colville Indian Reservation Jurisdiction like Willy Graham and Attorney General of Reservation, do not have either the competence or the absolute powers to terminate Red Race

Indian Consent. Under the 1996 Blackfeet Eloise Cobell Class case, where Indians have rights to vote to protect, under the Agriculture Department of the United States, whether or not, firebugs or anyone else has power to clear-cut forests of our Inchelium District under accountability. The question is already answered: No. The Secretary of State of the United States is bound to protect the full and complete red race citizens rights in 1534 ERA Doctrine of Discovery that was confirmed by Pope Paul III. Our problem is—North American Indian Education. Against 1954 Brown vs. School Boards. No School Board in North America teaches that Red Race Indians of North America

Tribal Police: received award, thank you for your help

The Tribal Police Department was recently awarded \$199, 293 from the United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Strategies, (COPS) office. This competitive grant program was unique this year because no tribal match money was necessary to receive grant sums. The award will help the Tribal Police Department purchase needed items including 3 new, fully equipped Dodge Charger patrol vehicles, 8 lap top computers, officer uniform and equipment items, digital hand held recorders, weapons systems, and ice rescue and dive gear. The Tribal Police Department would like to thank the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council, Planning, Legal, Finance and Administrative Director's Departments and the United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Strategies, (COPS) office for making this application and award a success.

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Department

Chene: thank you for your generosity

To the Members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe: I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous gift to our students at Lakeside Elementary in Worley. Prior to the opening of school we routinely send out a suggested list of needed supplies for each grade level. We recognize that for many families this presents a financial hardship. Trying to budget for one or more children and to equip them with clothing, food and materials can cause concern. Yet, parents and guardians want most of all for the children to be ready to learn and to not have to worry about this part of starting school. As the announcement came to us that each child would receive a

new backpack, full of pens, pencils, paper and other supplies, the response was one of appreciation and surprise. This unexpected arrival was greeted with smiles, excitement and pride. No child was left behind in this outreach! From all of us as teachers and support staff, we are sincerely grateful for your thoughtfulness. We know that it took time and a group effort to make this possible. Please visit and keep connecting with us. Together we can make a difference, and the children deserve the very best we have to offer for their future goals and aspirations.

*Sincerely,
Maureen Chene,
Principal-Lakeside Elementary*

Friend: thank you for opportuntiy

I worked in the Tribal Summer Youth Program this summer. I wanted to say thank you to the tribe for this opportunity. Everyone who worked with me at the Environmental Programs Office was great and I learned a lot. The whole time I worked there I was learning something, whether it was how to use a coffee machine

or make a spreadsheet, there was something I hadn't known. The staff of the EPO was very patient during my learning curve and never made me feel like I wasn't smart enough. Thank you all so much.

*Sincerely,
Jacob Friend*

Andrew: thank you for your help

This is to thank everyone who helped my family/and Joseph family with the services for our grandchild Damien Joseph. There were several young people that were present and I felt honored to have you there and ready to help in any way you could. For the cooks, speakers and hunters we were grateful.

Even though it was hard the people that actually took time out of their life to help us gave us a blessing. There was a spiritual healing that took place and many things were learned in the process. My children thank you with all their heart and me as well.

Elayne Andrew

Morris: Elders greeted July'amsh visitors



The Coeur d'Alene tribal elders and friends welcomed many to the 10th Anniversary Julyamsh PowWow recently in Post Falls. We had many visitors from as far away as Georgia and North Carolina, Connecticut and New York, California and to the beautiful country north of us, Canada. Also signing our Guest books were travelers representing New Zealand, Germany, London, The Netherlands and Indonesia. The elders have been an integral part of the Julyamsh PowWow for many years. After a two year hiatus, the powwow committee asked the elders to return. Everyone was very helpful, especially from Yvette Lozeau, Director of the 2007 powwow committee, to the hard working Maintenance crew under Waikai Pluff. Our visitor's profoundly exclaim over the beautiful regalia worn by our colorful and dedicated dancers, the Grand Entry being

the favorite, after the Indian Horse Riders and the beautiful music of the drumming. This is a time the Coeur d'Alene tribe comes together to celebrate and meet with their families who joins them from afar. Everyone has always been welcomed at our powwow and we always enjoyed showing our hospitality to our new acquaintances, even for a short time. They do go home with a new understanding and take with them a little history of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, "Schitu'umsh," meaning "Those Who are Found Here" or "The Discovered People." I especially want to thank Bert Swan, Joie Weinclaw, Lurann and Joe Skwanhqqn, Barbara Mitchell, and our good friends, Leona and Fred Gabouri in helping me make this a fun and successful community project for the Elders of the Coeur d'Alene tribe.

Dee Dee Morris

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#2: Have qualified staff

A quality program should also have qualified staff. The staff should have the educational background for their position and should promote the development of children in their care. If the staff does not have the appropriate educational background, then they should be working to obtain it. The staff should be dedicated to their job, and want to work with families and children. The longer the teachers have been with the center, the better they are able to focus their attention on creating those special bonds with children which is very important to a child's learning and development.

#3: Build relationships with families

Relationships that are built between families and staff increase benefits to children. The program should work with families in every way to help meet the children's and fami-

lies' needs. The program should ask the families about their traditions (if there are certain cultural activities they want for their child), their child's interests, or their concerns they may have about their child or the program. As a parent, you will want to see if the center has policies and procedures, and ask if you may have a copy to look over.

#4: Be well run

A well run program should be licensed by the state. The facility should be age appropriate and well maintained, both indoors and outdoors. Check to see if the program has policies to help keep children safe from preventable illness and injury. You should also ask about the child-to-teacher ratio, which helps determine how much individual attention your child will get. **The lower the ratio is the better off your child is.**

The program you select for your child and family is your decision and yours alone, but you might want

to keep these suggestions in mind. When considering what program you want for your child, remember these 4 qualities. But the final factor that will cement your decision is this: how did your family and child feel when visiting the center?

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an emergency situation arises, the 911 emergency service number must be called.

Calls from tribal members on the reservation to the St. Maries office will be re-routed to Kootenai County beginning October 1, 2007, but as mentioned all services, including fire and ambulance calls, will be routed through Coeur d'Alene full-time on October 15, 2007.

Again, for non-emergency situations, please call the dispatching services at 208-446-1855 or for emergencies dial 911.

Jalen Lamont Tarrant was born on December 11, 2006 to Coeur d'Alene tribal member Georgianna (Moulton) Tarrant and Johnny Tarrant, III in Yokosuka, Japan. Jalen is the great-great-grandson of the late Sam and Gertrude Peone, and the great-grandson of the late Georgia Peone Jordan. Maternal grandparents are Janice Jordan of St. Maries, Darryl Moulton of Omak, Washington and paternal grandparents, Carolyn and Johnny Tarrant of Charlotte,

North Carolina. Jalen joins big brother, Nuriah (2 1/2) at the family home on the Naval base in Yokohama, Japan.

Irene Lowley, great grandmother to Preston Spotted Horse, was inadvertently left out of the Cradleboard News announcement for him in the August 2007 issue of the Council Fires. Also the Maternal Family information for Samantha Alexandria's should include Great Grandparents Gerry and Kenny Sherwood of Worley, Idaho.

Matt: Happy Anniversary Honey!

*Thanks for another great year!!
Looking forward to many more to come.*

*I Love you always.
LaDonna*

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located in the geography northward of Central America, are Red Race Citizens with full citizenship under the Royal Executive Powers of the British Crown.

For Pope Paul III approval, under Roman Catholic Canon Law, the Roman Catholic priest, Fransisco De Vitoria, defined the Plenary 1534 ERA Doctrine of Discovery that preempted the Holy Roman Empire Geography of the womanizing Pope, Alexander VI, and retained Gulf of Mexico Red Race Citizenship Rights as full and complete.

1534 ERA Doctrine of Discovery-Notwithstanding whatever may have been or may be said to the contrary. The said Indians and all other people who may later be discovered by Christians, are by no means to be deprived of their liberty or the possessions of the property, even though they may be outside the faith of Jesus Christ; and that they may and should they be in any way enslaved; should the contrary happened, it shall be null and of no effect.

**Noel Campbell
Inchelium, WA**

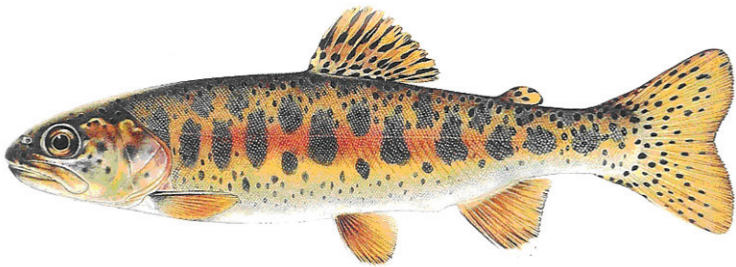
Restoration project underway for Redband Trout

By Bruce Kinkad - Fisheries Biologist

The Hangman Creek Fisheries Restoration Project is focused to restore habitat for populations of native fish such as the redband trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri*). Long time residents in the Hangman watershed were interviewed and Fisheries staff came to realize many people were calling the redband (rainbow) trout a cutthroat trout due to the redband's bright colors when compared to hatchery trout normally caught in stocked waters. To confirm this pictures were shown of local redband trout and residents concurred that it is what was caught in Hangman Creek.

The question is common, what are redband trout? And are they different than the rainbow trout that state fish and game agencies stock in local streams and lakes?

From biology courses taken in college it is known fish evolve into different forms when isolated over thousands of years. Biologists classify fish based on its characteristics 1) visual (size, color); 2) meristic (such as the number of fin rays); 3) behavioral (such as fall or spring spawners); and 4) genetic. Biologists use scientific names to group similar



Redband Rainbow Trout

species like a family tree. The scientific name tells much of the fish's lineage. Salmon and trout are placed in the family Salmonidae and then are grouped into many genera (genus in singular). From there each genus is subdivided into species, and each species may be subdivided into subspecies. This system allows for separation in classification of the smallest character trait.

Pacific salmon and trout are grouped by the genus *Oncorhynchus*, whereas the Atlantic salmon are from the genus *Salmo*, and char, such as the lake, brook and bull trout, are put into the genus *Salvelinus*. The species name (*mykiss*) further distinguishes the rainbow and steelhead trout from other Pacific trout and salmon. 1) The redband trout of the Columbia River basin, both east of the Cascades and in the

Upper Fraser River basin are named (*Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri*) or (*O. m. gairdneri*) for short); 2) the redband trout group of the Sacramento River basin, which are subdivided into two Kern River drainage subspecies are named *O.m. aquabonito* and *O.m. gilberti*, and the McCloud River subspecies are called (denoted by *O.m. stonei*); and 3) the coastal rainbow and it's searun version, the steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irdesus*).

The Redband Trout can look very much like a Westslope cutthroat to the untrained eye. But the characteristic red cut or "slash" mark is missing. However, bright parr marks on the sides and a pink belly are similar to the Westslope cutthroat. The Redband also has a white fringe on their anal and pelvic fin similar to what a Brook trout shows on their fins.

NIC hires new American Indian student adviser

North Idaho College recently hired Evanlene Melting Tallow as its new American Indian student adviser. In this role, Melting Tallow will be responsible for providing support services to American Indian students on campus through academic advising and educating about the college system. As American Indian student adviser, Melting Tallow will also focus on building relationships with area tribes and advocating for American Indian students.

Melting Tallow holds a bachelor's degree in finance with a minor in economics from Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash., and an associate's degree from Spokane Community College.

Melting Tallow most recently worked as a human resource specialist at The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations, a residential substance abuse treatment center for Native American adolescents and their families. The agency is a collaboration of the seven tribes east of the Cascade Mountains, including the Colville Confederated Tribes, the Kalispel Tribe and the Spokane Tribe in Washington; the

Nez Perce Tribe, the Kootenai Tribe and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in Idaho; and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation in Oregon.

For three years, Melting Tallow worked as a tutor and culture specialist for the Central Valley School District's Native American Program, during which she gave cultural presentations to students in four school districts. She provided college and financial aid information and organized culture workshops and powwows in addition to tutoring students.

Melting Tallow has also worked as an employment specialist/counselor for Educational Service District 101 and as a mortgage specialty lender in the financial field.

"I am looking forward to working with students one-on-one and helping them to be successful in their goals by overcoming barriers," Melting Tallow said. "Working with students is where my passion is."

Melting Tallow began at NIC Sept. 17. Her office is on the lower level of NIC's Edminster Student Union Building.